

BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE MINUTES

8th September 2025 at 7pm in the Clifford Suite

1. Present and in Attendance.

Suzanne Chillman (chair), Lu Hughes, Helena Turner, Stan Wilson, Roz Searle, Laura Parry, Jeanette Hurst (taking the minutes)

2. Apologies

Sara Coffield (secretary), David Costello, Sandy Usher, David Norman (treasurer)

3. Minutes from the August meeting

The management committee and the working committee unanimously agreed to the August minutes.

4. Matters Arising

Signs for dog faeces in the field

Sign not yet up.

Garage key

SCh not heard anything about the copy of the key.

ACTION: SCh to chase key copy

Internet – ethernet

Noted in previous meeting this will be done in September.

ACTION: DN to do September

Flooring in hall

It was agreed that we should try to 'save' the parquet flooring rather than going down the vinyl route.

ACTION: RS to contact The Wood Flooring Company in Frome

Paving in playground

LH has made contact with a person who could do the job. The paving slabs are of differing sizes and it is a bigger job than anticipated. The edges are falling away and many need resetting.

ACTION: LH to seek a quote.

ROSPA report

Needs to be looked through and work on all the points.

ACTION: JH to look through and write a list from it.

Parish council website

There is a new website and BMH doesn't have much on there, suggest to contact and fill it out.

ACTION: JH to follow up

5. Financial report. Sent by email prior to the meeting

The August accounts once again show a low level of income - as is usual at this time of year. It is expected that income will be higher in September, as the holiday season finishes, and as various groups pay for their bookings for the Autumn term.

200 Club

Everybody who pays cash, does so for October to September. So, before the next draw, we need to have the annual requesting of them to re-enter for the next 12 months.

ACTION: DN to get the information together when he gets back from holiday. LP and SW to collect the money.

6. Alcohol requests

7. Maintenance.

Water

Our water usage had gone up hugely and it was thought that we might have a leak. However, as Bristol Water do not come out to investigate leaks, we needed a private firm to investigate the potential problem. It turned out that we didn't have a leak but the standpipe in the field has been illegally connected. This could result in a fine and regulatory notice. The solution would cost £1,500. A simpler and cheaper solution would be to have a non-return valve fitted. It was agreed that a water meter to monitor the CC water usage might also be a good idea.

ACTION: LH will consult a plumber re: non-return valve and the possibility of having a water meter to monitor the CC water usage.

Kitchen Hatch

It was suggested that hydraulic struts could be fitted to the existing hatch to aid lifting. It was agreed that this is not a good option and that we would revert to the option of having a roller shutter, even though this would be fitted so that the back of the shutter is visible from the Hall. The cost when this option was last explored was around £2,000. The question is, is this on our list of priorities?

ACTION: LH to get a more accurate quote and will ascertain whether this is on our list of priorities!

Other maintenance issues highlighted by the Maintenance Inspection (8.9.2025)

Bar Hatch

Hirers have asked whether the bar hatch can be made to raise again. The cleaner has also pointed out that mopping the floor in the bar is difficult with the hatch fastened shut.

ACTION: Sch will buy new fasteners which should hold the hatch more firmly. Sign to be made indicating that the hatch should not be touched by children.

Play Area

There is some corrosion that needs treating. The piece of fence has not been replaced. The paving is weedy and uneven.

Main Hall

The fan in the disabled loo makes a loud noise. There is no salt for the water softeners. The toilet cistern in the changing rooms needs replacing. (a job for the CC)

ACTION: Find someone who can carry out small maintenance jobs

Clifford Suite

At the end of the cricket season may we have the carpet cleaned? The first aid kit is not in date.

ACTION: HT will buy new and restock

8. Heating

We have received a quote for £9,600 to install air-to-air heating. It seems we are fairly certain to be able to obtain a grant for the installation. Concerns were raised regarding the outdoor units – potential for vandalism, taking up space in the carpark, noise disturbing the neighbours. Various village halls have had this type of heating installed.

ACTION: Sch and SW will endeavour to make contact with someone at the village halls identified to ask about the heating.

LH will contact the community group to which we subscribe to ask if they have any information regarding heating for community halls.

DN has investigated the CS heater and it is making too much noise. The question is, if the CS heater runs with an acceptable noise level, should we replace the MH heaters with three of these units? It was agreed that, if possible, we should move away from the use of gas heating.

ACTION: DN will contact an engineer to fix the CS heater.

9. Events

Oktoberfest Saturday 20th October

10. Facebook/ Network. JH

Hall redecoration, curtains should be ready by the end of September. Oktoberfest on FB again.

11. AOB.

RS had found 35 chairs, some curtains and a lockable storage unit on Eco Collect which might replace the CS chairs. The committee were not sure enough of their suitability. RS will continue keep an eye on the website for anything suitable.

If any hirer requests a projector they should be directed to LP.

12. Next meeting

- 13.** Monday 13th October 2025 the AGM will take place during the first half an hour of that meeting.